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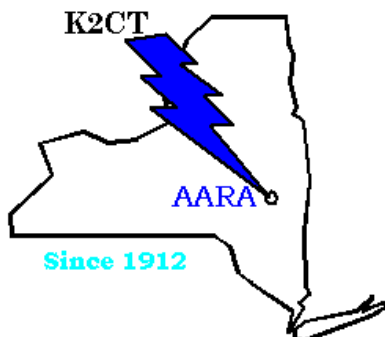
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AARA

Meets at the
Colonie Community Center
1653 Central Ave. Colonie
Friday NOV 13

Social Hour 6:55 PM
Meeting begins 7:47 PM

refreshments
soda, diet soda, coffee etc.

NOV. MEETING

Just in time for **AARA's Annual Sprint**, **Bud Hovey WF2B** has developed a macro driven spreadsheet for automated logging of this popular contest. Join us, as Bud will explain the contest and present a live demonstration / tutorial of this logging program. This program makes it easy for non-contesters and casual operators to easily enter this short, one-hour contest.

Bud is also the administrator of the club's very own **WARM** (Worked Albany Radio Members) award, which he will also be explaining. Plan on being there to learn about and receive your free copy of this program. Then on December 10th let's all get on the air and show your support of the AARA.

K2CT Repeater

Talk-in repeater 145.19 (-) MHz
pl tone 103.5Hz

or

444.30 (+) w/pl tone 100.0Hz

AARA Dues

Dues are \$15 with B-PLUS available at the K2CT Web page in .pdf format www.k2ct.net
OR

\$20 for first class mailing of the newsletter
Checks should be made out to AARA and sent to: Saul Abrams, K2XA,
307 Maple Rd., Slingerlands, NY 12159

Note: Bring a memory stick to the meeting and get your own copy of the program.

2009 CQWW DX CONTEST -- PHONE RESULTS -- PRELIMINARY LIST

STATION	CATEGORY	QSOs	COUNTRIES	ZONES	CLAIMED SCORE	
W2XL (+W2EG+5ops)	M/S	1038	-	446	-	1,301,874
KM2O	SO (H)	713	-	309	-	623,871
K2EP	SO (H) A	604	-	379	-	607,563
N2LBR (+WA1KKM)	M/S	584	244	-	72	511,920
K2XF	SO (H) A	528	-	275	-	406,725
K2ONP	SO (H) A	344	-	247	-	233,168
WA3AFS	SO (H) A	259	-	285	-	194,370
K2BX	SO (H) A	366	-	184	-	191,544
WB2KLD	SO (H)	251	-	150	-	107,550
WF2B	SO (H) A	68	56	-	31	14,877
W2GDJ	SO (H) A	30	-	?	-	2,600

Send your CQWW CW scores (and CQWW Phone scores if you haven't yet) to us at: sue.walt@verizon.net

73, and thanks for all the scores!
Walt, WA1KKM and Sue, N2LBR

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

FROM: TOM WOZNACK, N2SQO - NORTHEAST AMATEUR RADIO (NEAR)

TO: ALL HAM RADIO OPERATORS - NORTHEAST US

VIA: ALL CLUB NEWSLETTER EDITORS AND VARIOUS EMAIL LISTS/GROUPS

PLEASE FORWARD THIS EMAIL TO YOUR DISTRIBUTION EMAIL LIST

NorthEast Amateur Radio has established a YahooGroup to allow Hams involved in Public Service Events to post their event and solicit volunteers.

All Hams are encouraged to subscribe, even if you only do one public service event a year.

Remember, "Many hands make light work"

Event coordinators are asked to use the calendar function to list your event.

The sooner the better.

It would be a nice thing to list participants here after your event.

Aaah, the things we do for a tee shirt

Here's hoping that you make this NEAR Ham Helpers YahooGroup a HUGE success!

Any questions or comments? Email me: n2sqo@nycap.rr.com

Respectfully,
Woz

www.groups.yahoo.com then search: nearhh
Subscribe: nearhh-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

AARA Annual Sprint:

Mark your calendar for the Thursday night before our December meeting (December 10th 2009) to get on the air in the Annual AARA sprint.

This is a fun tradition of the club where we all get on ten meters (HF) and try to make a contact with as many members as possible in 1 hour. Rules are simple and will be explained at the November meeting and also in the Dec. B-Plus.

So, even if you are a casual operator, get a ten-meter antenna going and plan on some fun! This contest is a great way to get the clubs WARM (Worked Albany Radio Members).

Tip: With Bud WF2B's new program it's even easier to get on and log your contacts!

Contest Summary

November, 2009

YO International PSK31 Contest 1600Z-2200Z, Nov 20
ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB 2100Z, Nov 21 to
0300Z, Nov 23

RSGB 2nd 1.8 MHz Contest, CW 2100Z, Nov 21 to
0100Z, Nov 22

NA Collegiate ARC Championship, SSB 2100Z, Nov 21 to
0300Z, Nov 23

EU PSK63 QSO Party 0000Z-2400Z, Nov 22

RSGB 80m Club Sprint, CW 2000Z-2130Z, Nov 25

CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW 0000Z, Nov 28 to 2400Z,
Nov 29

December, 2009

ARCI Topband Sprint 0000Z-0600Z, Dec 3

ARRL 160-Meter Contest 2200Z, Dec 4 to 1600Z, Dec 6

ARRL EME Contest 0000Z, Dec 5 to 2359Z, Dec 6

TARA RTTY Melee 0000Z-2400Z, Dec 5

AARA 10-Meter SPRINT Thurs Dec 10 7PM – 8PM

ARRL 10-Meter Contest 0000Z, Dec 12 to 2400Z,
Dec 13

Race for Hope

Oct 25th was the Race for Hope, which was held near the old Blue Cross building and around the surrounding area on RT85. Amateur Radio played an important part providing communications for this event. One incident with a runner needing evacuation to St Peter's Hospital was professionally handled by the on sight Amateur Ops.

The Bethlehem hams that were involved were Bruce WA3AFS, Russ WB2LXC, and myself K2QY.

Pumpkin Patrol

On October 30 and 31st, the NYS Police's Pumpkin Patrol covering 4 counties and 25 bridges, was partly held in Bethlehem at any of the overpasses to the NYS Thruway.

This annual event is the largest operation in NYS. The 2 evenings yielded over 230 man hours of protection provided by ham ops. Bethlehem stations heard were Dave KM2O and myself K2QY. Positive comments from both state and local police were received. There was also quite a bit of media coverage for this on the local news channels. Just as a personal observation, Linda (who rode shotgun) and I were stationed out on Guilderland Rd overpass and we noted many cars tooted their horns or waved as they passed obviously acknowledging our efforts. We were flashed a couple of times by State Police patrolling the Thruway with their spot lights. It was also announced on the net that we were thanked by numerous truckers too. This was a well run event that I was pleased to participate in.

If I forgot anyone in the Bethlehem group who helped in any of these events, please e-mail me so I can correct my notes. John, K2QY

www.k2ct.net

Peter Hines, N2KAD, webmaster. E-mail
hines@nycap.rr.com with any suggestions.

SWAP SHOP Send items to B-Plus editor, Mike, WD2AJS at wd2ajs@nycap.rr.com or call 489-3110

FOR SALE: 300 feet of Rohn 3/16-inch EHS guy wire. Never used. \$60. Walt Legowski, WA1KKM, 456-3637, sue.walt@verizon.net

FREE QST Magazine 1978 thru 2004 take 1 year or all

Contact Nels, WB2SBO 439-7357

FREE: Very old Heathkit Oscilloscope, probably 1950's vintage, perhaps the O-2 model. Does fire up and show a trace.

FREE: Ethernet router; VCR/DVD player and recorder that doesn't work. Maybe you are a better troubleshooter! Contact Ray, KG2B, at KG2B@nycap.rr.com

Ham Radio Operators Assist in Catalina Island Rescue

ARRL Oct 31, 2009

Around 9:45 on the night of October 23, while attending an overnight event at the Boy Scouts' [Camp Emerald Bay](#) on [Santa Catalina Island](#), Karl Tso, KI6PCW, and his wife, Deborah Ava, KJ6CRZ, of Topanga, California, decided to climb a hill to check out the view -- and to see if they could get into the repeater on the island with their handheld transceivers. As they climbed the hill, the two radio amateurs heard a sound; Tso turned his high-powered flashlight on the source, only to discover a man who had fallen 48 feet to the rocks below, bleeding and severely injured.

According to Los Angeles County Disaster Communications Service ([LADCS](#)) Recruiting Officer Norm Goodkin, K6YXH, Tso and Ava were on Catalina for an overnight Cub Scout event. While on the 26 mile boat ride to the island, the couple turned on their radios and got on the local repeater; a fellow ham passed them the frequency of the repeater on Catalina Island and they programmed it into their radios. "Just the weekend prior, both Karl and Deborah attended one of our classes and in that class, we showed them how to program frequencies in their radio.

They are members of the Topanga Disaster Radio Team (DRT), part of the Topanga Coalition for Emergency Preparedness (T-CEP)," Goodkin told the ARRL.

That evening on their walk up the hill, they discovered Peter Koll, 61, had fallen, crashing down to the rocks below. At the accident scene, Tso and Ava got on their radios and quickly made contact with Scott Bastian, KD6QZX, of Fullerton, who called emergency services. Joyce Wood, KD6HYO, of Costa Mesa, who stood by in case further assistance was required. Koll was evacuated by Bay Watch and airlifted to St Mary's Hospital in Long Beach. According to the

LA County Sherriff's office, his current condition is unknown.

"It was a surreal experience that Deborah and I will never forget," Tso told the ARRL. "We were horrified, yet very happy that we were there for the gentleman that was injured. At the same time, we strangely felt empowered, knowing that the ham radio system works. As we hoped, the ham community is for the most part made up of people who want to be helpful to others in times of need. Deborah and I are new to the ham community, but we would encourage others to become involved."

ATVET 2009 EXAM SCHEDULE

ATVET Albany Troy Volunteer Examiner Team

If you are interested in amateur radio, and would like to take the exam, the Albany/Troy VE Team (ATVET) stands ready to assist. ATVET is a joint effort of the Albany Amateur Radio Association (AARA), and the Troy Amateur Radio Association (TARA).

CII Building - Room 3045, RPI Campus, Troy, NY

Day	Date	Doors Open	Exam Start
Saturday	November 14	9:20 AM	10:00 AM

The 2009 Exam Fee will be \$15.00 (payable to ARRL-VEC)

ATVET is affiliated with the ARRL/VEC, and have been proud to provide testing opportunities since 1984. If you have any questions, please feel free to phone Gerald Murray, WA2IWW, (evenings and weekends) at 518-482-8700, or e-mail me at atvet@n2ty.org.

AARA 2009 GET ON THE AIR SPRINT

THURSDAY
Dec. 10th 2009 7PM - 8PM

The Nominating Committee Bud, WF2B, Sue, N2LBR, Seymour, K2XF is looking for anyone that would like to lead the Club. All officers are up for change in Dec.

Nomination from the floor will also be accepted at the Dec. Election Meeting

Are You Changing Your Address: Please contact Walt, KA1KKM 456-3637 or via e-mail sue.walt@verizon.net with your address corrections

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